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SUBJECT: BOTH UNDERSECRETARIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
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1. AUGUST 16 PRESS REPORTS THAT THE UNDERSECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENGINEER NEY MANCHENO AND THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, NAVY COMMANDER RODRIGO RIVADENEIRA HAVE LEFT THEIR POSITIONS WITH THE MINISTRY. BOTH OFFICIALS HAD HELD THEIR POSTS SINCE THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT ASSUMED POWER IN FEBRUARY 1972.

2. RIVADENEIRA, ECUADOR'S SENIOR OFFICIAL WORKING FULL-TIME IN FISHERIES POLICY, WAS KNOWN TO BE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED IN RECENT WEEKS OVER THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HIS NAVY CAREER OF FURTHER SERVICE IN A NON-MILITARY JOB. HE HAS NOW BEEN ASSIGNED AS CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE NAVAL SQUADRON COMMANDER, GUAYAQUIL, AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING HIS TRANSFER INDICATED THAT IT WAS DONE SO THAT RIVADENEIRA MIGHT FULFILL THE NECESSARY SEA SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN. HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ANOTHER NAVAL OFFICER, CDR ETIEL RODRI'QUEZ TAPIA WHO, UNTIL RECENTLY, WAS COMMANDER OF THE NAVAL SQUADRON.

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RODRI'QUEZ WAS SUBJECT OF A SEPTEMBER 1973 REPORT TRANS-

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FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT IS DEVELOPED.

3. MANCHENO WAS THE MINISTRY'S SENIOR CIVILIAN AND, AT
LEAST NOMINALLY, ITS SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL.
ALTHOUGH THIS WAS HONORED IN A FORMAL SENSE (E.G., HE WAS
ACTING MINISTER DURING JARRIN'S ABSENCES) MANCHENO'S PRINCIPAL
ROLE IN THE MINISTRY APPEARED TO BE PURELY INTERNAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE, WITH POLICY DECISIONS BEING FIRMLY IN
CONTROL OF THE SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, JARRIN
AND RIVADENEIRA. MANCHENO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FUNCTIONED
EFFECTIVELY, IF QUIETLY, AND HIS RESIGNATION APPEARS
LEGITIMATE. A SUCCESSOR HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED.
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